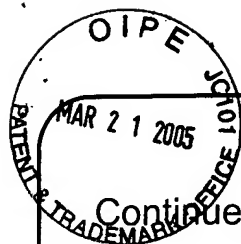


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First Named Inventor	Kley, Victor B.
Art Unit	2856
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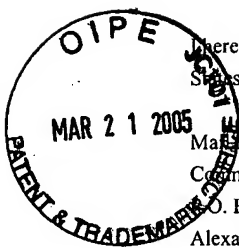
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.